and Udupi ends. Land acquisition proposals for a length of 7 km were submitted to the State Government and a length of 1.33 Km. at Mangalore and has been taken over by the Railway.

(c) There is no escalation in the cost of the project at this present point of time.

Discontinuation of Madras-Pondicherry Express

*7. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madras-Pondicherry Express which was started in 1983 was discontinued in 1986; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to restore the Madras-Pondicherry Express in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The Express train between Madras and Pondicherry, introduced on 15.12.1976, was cancelled from 1.4.1986.

(b) No, Sir.

मंडल आयोग की सिफारिशों का कियान्वयन

*8. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछड़े वर्गों के लिये नियुक्त किये गये मंडल आयोग की सिफारिशों को लागू करने में क्या कठिनाईयां हैं ; और

(ख) इन सिफारिशों को सरकार द्वारा कब तक लागू किये जाने की संभावना है ?

श्रम और कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान) : (क) तथा (ख) पिछली सरकार द्वारा मंडल आयोग की रिपोर्ट की जांच की जा रही थी। उनका मत था कि जब तक राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर मतैक्य नहीं हो जाता है, तब तक यथास्थिति बनाई रखी जानी चाहिये। सरकार, मंडल आयोग की रिपोर्ट में निहित सिफारिशों पर समुचित कार्रवाई करने के लिये प्रतिबद्ध है। यह सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

Recommendations of the National Commission on Urbanisation

*9. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Urbanisation which was set up by Government at the end of 1985 have since submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, when was the report submitted;

(c) what are the major recommendations made by the Commission;

(d) whether the report has been examined by Government if so, what are the decisions taken by Government thereon and whether the recommendations of the Commission are proposed to be incorporated in the Eighth Plan for implementation; and

(e) what are the reasons for delay in taking decisions on the report, in case the report of the Commission is still under examination?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) The National Commission on Urbanisation (NCU) was constituted in October, 1985 to examine the state of urbanisation in the country, identify priority action areas and formulate specific guidelines for Action Plan for managing the rapid urbanisation. It submitted its report to the Government on 19th August, 1988.